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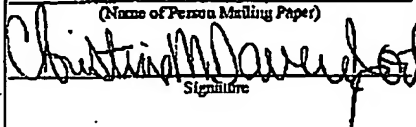
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SERIAL NO.: 10/648,423	) EXAMINER: D. MEISLIN
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FILED: AUGUST 25, 2003	) CONFIRMATION NO.
	) 3997
TITLE: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR	)
OPENING OF CONTAINERS	)

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Mail Stop AF  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Madam:

In response to the Office Action dated February 14, 2006, applicant responds as follows:

I hereby certify that the attached correspondence is being transmitted by facsimile to the Mail Stop AF, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450, on April 14, 2006, via transmission to facsimile number (571) 273-8300.
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